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Suspense Large Drum

from Grocers and Oilmen.

Nazi Rush Repair Squads

After RAF Raid Havoc

GERMAN MORALE IS WEAKENING

We Can Light
Bonfires Too!

RAF Fire German Oil Works

STRONG forces of the RAF were again over Germany on Friday night, this time to spread fire and destruction at the great synthetic oil plants at Gelsenkirchen and the Ruhr munition works.

The oil plants were the main target of the raid, the Air Ministry stated last night, found that it was "an ideal night for bombing."

One plane dropped to light up the oil works floated on the roof of a large building, serving as an incendiary, it was reported.

At one oil plant bombs burst over the whole area of the plant.

The fires became so extensive that the last pilot over found all the target completely illuminated.

At another plant the fires spread more rapidly and showed a headway that red as they were laid.

CONCENTRATED ATTACK

The attack began early and did not end until after 1 a.m. Meanwhile, 25 miles away, fires were streaming up from Duisburg, the second largest city in Germany.

The fires were caused by other RAF raiders in an attack on the oil tanks at Rottweil.

Their bombs fell plumb on the tanks and the Air Ministry declared the attack a success.

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No Weakening Of U.S. Fleet ROOSEVELT WANTS SHIPS SPEED-UP

Washington, Saturday.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT IN HIS WORLD BROADCAST TONIGHT, WILL GIVE AN ASSURANCE TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE THAT HE HAS INTENTION OF WEAKENING THE U.S. FLEET IN AIDING BRITAIN, BUT A CALL FOR GREATER SPEED IN SHIP BUILDING IS PREDICTED.

The belief is expressed that

advanced opinion holds that America has already entered the war and should organise convoys.

The possibility of U.S. to enter the war is not denied, but if they resist German aggression was indicated by the President yesterday.

While he declined to be specific he indicated that such might be available to Yugoslavia and Turkey under certain conditions.

Leading articles in the papers and radio broadcasts continue to emphasize that the war has now entered a new phase in which the U.S. fleet is destined to play a vital role.

ORCHIDINE CONVOYS

The battle of the full moon over England and Germany is widely interpreted as a struggle for the control of the seas.

Stress is laid on the Luftwaffe's efforts to exert a counter-blockade and to prevent the U.S. fleet from reaching the Atlantic.

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Eire Bases For U.S." Report

ACCORDING TO REPORTS QUOTED BY ANKARA

RADIO A LOAD OF MILLION DOLLARS IS TO BE MADE TO FIRE BY THE U.S.A.

EIRE IN RETURN, IS EXPECTED TO CONSENT TO LEASE BASES ON THE WEST COAST TO THE U.S.A. FOR USE BY SHIPS CONVOYING MATERIAL TO GREAT BRITAIN.

Wife Posed As Lieut.-Colonel

MOTHER OF TWO CHILDREN, WHO WORE THE UNIFORM OF A LIEUT.-COLONEL IN THE R.A.M.C.—JUST TO SHOW OFF TO HER HUSBAND, FROM WHOM SHE WAS SEPARATED—WAS FINED £5 YESTERDAY AT LANCASTER.

She was Esther Jacques (thirty-one), of Halton, near Lancaster, a first-aid nurse.

In her protestation was a confidential copy of an Army training memorandum, a booklet entitled "The Officer and the Soldier," and a "Note for the guidance of commanding officers and staff officers regarding wives and certain dependents."

Police-Supt. Sibley said he did not know any universe in the woman. She had apparently worn the uniform to impress her husband, who could get along without his wife.

In a statement to the police, she said that she had been married last November and had been living with her mother-in-law.

Giving evidence. Mrs. Jacques said she had made her uniform "for 'The People' to wear, evidence, that made her wear it."

The tailor who supplied the uniform, costing £5, was Norman Lewis, of 10, Northgate, Lancaster. He was ordered to pay costs.

Pass "The People" On!

TODAY "The People," in contrast to most other newspapers, is reduced in size from 12 to 10 pages—the result of an official decision to economise on newsprint consumption.

A further substantial cut in newsprint consumption is expected next Friday.

That means that readers in the near future will find it more difficult to obtain a copy of "The People" unless a definite order is placed with newsagents.

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The army he threw into the

These secret lines of communication, first established by the German Socialists when Hitler came into power, were disrupted after the collapse.

For months it was almost impossible to get reliable information of what was happening in Germany.

Now the remarkable "grape-vine" is functioning again, and those London organisations in touch with the underground news service, have received encouraging details of conditions in Germany, and of the weakening morale of the people.

HURRIED CALL-UP

R.A.F. raid damage is extensive. One of the main topics of conversation in Germany is the fact that all Britishers and Americans who have been called up for one purpose or another were rapidly mobilised and told to report to the nearest army depot.

The army authorities used them in an effort to try to repair and badly damaged factories.

Since this hurried call-up of repair squads the R.A.F. has staged its "heaviest" raid on Berlin, Hamburg, Cologne and other important war production centres.

Other information reaching London from the secret channels of Germany's anti-Nazi movement concerns the threat of invasion of Britain.

As far as the invasion of Britain is concerned, it is expected to come off last autumn, as promised by Goebbels to Hitler, with the country with various excuses, many people were disturbed.

Today, after a lapse of months, an appeal for the morale of the nation, the definite promise of the British Government is over.

The feeling among Nazi leaders is that this time the people can't put off again; and that the invasion of Britain is over and that they must be carried out, whatever the fears of failure may be.

They are at work or can get to work, carry on as long as possible and take cover only when danger approaches.

Assume, because you see an enemy tank or a few enemy soldiers, that the enemy are in your town, that you are a straggler who can easily be rounded up.

IN BATTLE AREAS.—Take orders from the police or A.R.P. wardens whom you know or from the military, for the sake of your life.

Note that church bells will not ring all over the country, but in the area where troops have landed.

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you may receive instructions by loudspeaker vans and perhaps by leaflets or posters.

CARRY ON.—If you are in an area some way from the fighting, go to work, do your shopping, send your children to school.

Certain roads and railways, even in "peaceful" areas, will be used by the R.A.F. and British troops, and railways will maintain services as far as possible.

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you would be weakened that a sharp thrust would roll them off the Greek lines.

Today, the success might be Hitler's, the Duce decided to steal the glory. He ordered a plane a week ago, and sent it to Albania to the personal command of the battlefield.

Day after day Hitler's

armies have been driven

to the Greek front in Albania

The nerve-racking agony of

RHEUMATISM

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LUMBAGO
NEURITIS
BRONCHITIS
CHEST COLDS

**WILL SOON BE GONE!**

The soothing self-generated warmth of Thermogene Brand Medicated Wadding, deeply penetrating, restores the blood circulation to the congested area, dispersing the uric acid crystals and other impurities that are giving you such agony. The cause of the pain is removed—and so is the pain!

Thermogene Medicated Wadding is so easy to apply. You can wear it unnoticed at any time of the day and night.

Remember this—doctors recommend Thermogene Medicated Wadding, "the warmth that heals."

"They know it as the simple natural remedy for Rheumatism, Lumbago, Sciatica, Neuralgia and kindred troubles. 'They also prescribe it freely in cases of Bronchitis and Chest Colds.

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**Thermogene
Medicated
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Still absorbent at
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Protects from
all chemicals
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**WAR-TIME
NERVES**

Your blood is too thin

"The people who nerves are up, think they are people who are thin, watery blood. It's blood that feeds your nerves. You can't have nerves that are strong again, there is just one thing to do. You must strengthen your blood with tonics. They usually contain mineral iron, which your blood needs to help it to carry oxygen. What your blood and nerves really need is oxygen iron. This organic iron—known to the ancients as 'the blood of the earth'—pours crystals, rich red strength back into your body. It gives you a new lease of life—'nerves'—tiredness and depression disappear. You are then calm, refreshed and alert. These tonics are easily absorbed and are sold by Boots, Timothy White & Tuckers and other chemists. Ask for 'Zam-Buk' Tonic. Get some today. All you need is a glass of water."

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WINGS FOR BRITAIN!

LET'S TALK IT OVER

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT may never need to declare war on Germany, but no one, excepting Mr. Churchill himself, is more openly the enemy of the Nazi system or more determined to put an end to it. Hitler, on the other hand, has a Bill which our Premier describes as "a monument of far-seeing statesmanship" and "a new Magna Carta. He is now pressuring Congress to pass the controversial of \$2,000,000 for his aid-to-Britain programme. No "non-belligerent" country has ever before been asked to find so great a sum for its friend's help.

"It is the fixed policy of the United States Government," says Mr. Roosevelt, "to make for the Democracy every gun, plane, and munition of war that we possibly can."

In that statement the doom of Adolf Hitler is sealed.

He has always regarded mid-March as the time for fateful decisions, but he never bargained for this one, which has been taken by a leader who wears no uniform and by a people that is not in chains.

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As we go to press the world war is obviously entering upon a new and crucial phase, and the Middle-East seems certain to become the main battle-ground.

More Azans have been landed somewhere in Asia to take up duty in another theatre of war. The Turks are strengthening their defences and evacuating civilians from "danger areas." And Yugoslavia is still holding out against the Luftwaffe before the end of July.

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simply that we are far stronger in the air now than we were at the beginning of the war and "we beat Hitler absolutely, our position has greatly improved."

It must have done, because otherwise we should not now be carrying the air war so far and so persistently into the enemy's country.

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He added—and this is important—that we have only this time the RAF in Britain will ever again have to face such odds as it did last September, when it shattered the Luftwaffe's biggest daylight raiders and certainly broke the morale of the British air force.

The Air Minister made no boasts about his achievements. He told us that the situation is grim.

The Air Minister is a revolutionary. He intended his own resignation!

He has done nothing so far but to lead his armies from the rear, a big defeat, which has cost them 10,000 casualties in two days.

Hitler may be too late to salvage even the remains of Mussolini's personal prestige and, though German troops are massing on the Greek frontier, the Fuehrer himself is still prepared to buy British honour from falling on Berlin, Hamburg, Bremen and other cities of the Third Reich.

Germany cannot go through this without losing face. Hitler, who is still in command of his word, some little time ago he admitted frankly that the Nazis had been dropping four bombs to our one. *"But he said that he intended to reverse these figures!"*

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They are beginning to be reversed now and, with every week that passes, our raids upon enemy territory will become heavier and more numerous.

The Government has not changed its policy; it is making no deliberate reprisals; it has been unwilling to do so.

It has simply been waiting for the means to effect a deliberate end. Now it has them. It has bombers of outstanding performance and in sufficient numbers to strike continually at the nerve centres of Germany.

At last we have more American machines becoming available and our own output increases, so the scale and weight of our air offensive is certain to develop. The air war has, indeed, entered upon a new phase.

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FROM time to time "Man of the People" has reminded you that "military experts—usually on the 'retired list'—and 'fighting' journalists—who were not actually in the war—should not be allowed to be the best interpreters of strategy and tactics.

Some of them, no doubt, will be "crowing" today because the Bomber Command has been "knocking hell out of Berlin in the heaviest raid since the war began."

They have had "the cheek" to tell our Service Commanders what they think should be done. They have been bawling for "action." They have been bawling all their readers what we ought to do to the Hun.

But they never told us what we were going to do it with. They said bomb this place and bomb that. They said very nearly everything that the man in the four-ale bar is always saying to his cronies.

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And one imagines that Sir Archibald Sinclair and Sir Charles Portal, holding their chosen time in exactly the same way and making their preparations with the same patience and thoroughness as we are content today to leave the facts to speak for themselves.

What are the facts? Simply that we are now strong enough to strike. Don't forget that we have been obliged, at great risk, to divert large numbers of our aircraft to the Mediterranean, but the Germans may still attempt to invade our own country.

Then remember that we started the war five or six years after Germany had gone all out for "guns before butter"; five or six years after she had started building the "air armada," which

has kept Colonel Lindbergh in "the jitters" ever since.

It takes time to catch up with an enemy who has so big a start. But we are catching up fast. Shrewd American observers believe that the Royal Air Force will now be able to bring the Luftwaffe to heel by the end of July.

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SIR ARCHIBALD, who should know more about comparative fighter and bomber strengths than any journalist, also said that "we beat Hitler absolutely" is a very effective secret weapon than any he has yet produced—our technical superiority will certainly be maintained.

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he warned us to prepare to endure still heavier raids. He said that Nazi Germany will be hard beat. But he believes we can do it and shall do it.

So do I; but, unlike some of my colleagues, I place my trust in the Government and the Service chieftains and my fellow-countrymen in uniform. I don't propose to tell them how to run the war!

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UNDoubtedly the great battle of the sea has already been started. The German U-boats and bombing planes are constantly attacking merchant shipping, and there is no pretence that the latest figure of lost tonnage is not serious.

In one week the enemy sank 140,000 tons of shipping. The British highest tonnage since the war began. Moreover, we must expect this U-boat campaign to increase in violence.

The fact remains that the Navy and the RAF feel confident that they can deal with these usurers and their raiders in the sea and on land.

And they have done so, as we have seen.

What is more, they have shown some "particularly successful" results.

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New Cracks In The Axis Structure

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FIELD-DAY Olive Oil
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SORES, BOILS, ECZEMA and RASHES
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wear something
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For the pedestrian:
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see the motorist the motorist
probably can't see you. So
wear or carry something
white or luminous.

For the driver:
Remember you are in charge
of a weapon that can kill. Be
careful—be considerate.

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28 Ships Sunk

GENOA RIOTS
AFTER NAVY
SHELLING

New York, Saturday.
SO DEVASTATING
WAS THE BOMBARDMENT OF
GENOA BY THE BRITISH
NAVY ON FEBRUARY 9 THAT THE GOVERNMENT KEPT THE NEWS
OF THE DESTRUCTION FROM THE PUBLIC FOR
TWO DAYS.

The immediate reaction of
Genoa was one of amazement,
which turned to humiliation
and rage against Fascism and
the war, and many came to an
immediate, almost to an
eye-witness account of the raid in
the "New York Daily News."

"Thoughts of Genoa are
the current news leading to the
streets," says the eye-witness, "but
the streets had been roped off to
one seeing the devastation
caused."

CIVILIAN CLUBS
A CIVILIAN issued many
days ago a statement of
importance had been hit, although
fires had blazed in the docks until
far into the evening.

What were two days without
news the Provincial Council was
convened to hear a report from
the Foreign Minister. There
was no holding back the
mobile forces storming the closed
doors to the Foreign Minister.

"In the first rush hundreds of
civilians were clubbed by Fascist
guards, and when fiery heads of
spectators and demonstrators were
torn to pieces."

DELEGATES ARRESTED
Three delegates of the Steve
Holt Committee, who had
travelled to Genoa to protest about
insufficient naval protection, but
they never arrived. They were
arrested on an unissued warrant
ex protes

"How can our Navy stand
if this is the asking of the
airmen as they viewed the
wrecked areas before the Government
had crossed the line?"

Among buildings destroyed were
the great oil refinery—five of the
refining units on which disappeared
grain elevators, warehouses,
dry dock, launching
way, and the entire coal port—

B.U.P.



IN THE "WILD AND WOOLLY WEST"
Children evacuated from Britain by their parents come
true when they visited a ranch in California, where Irene
Rich, film star, taught them traditional cowboy garb.

5 Night Raiders Down

BEAUFIGHTERS
GET 3 MORE

BEAUFIGHTERS, THE RAF'S LATEST POWERFUL NIGHT FIGHTERS, ARE CLAIMING A BIG TOLL FROM HITLER'S MOONLIGHT RAIDERS.

They shot down three enemy planes during Friday night raids, bringing their total to three successive nights to nine.

Total official "bar" during the night was five. But it is likely that other raids, including
one on an unissued warrant, were
not reported as they didn't get home.

The raiders were sent to some of
our anti-aircraft gunners who put up, it
was stated by the War Office.

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concerned as they were brought
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No. 1 was shot down by a pilot
a raider who destroyed a
raider two nights before.

He caught a Junkers 88 which
hit the ground and exploded.

No. 2, a Heinkel 111, was
put out of action by the first
raider who was a pilot
new off and dented a piece
of Hitler's wing.

No. 3 was shot down by a wing
commander who closed in on
the enemy crew but was
hit by a shell and exploded.

Yesterday's German official
communiqué claimed that the Nazi
with shattering results."

Other towns which the Germans
had bombed were Attleborough,
Sheffield, Leeds, Tipton, Plymouth
and Southampton.

ATTACK IN FRANCE
Two enemy aircraft flew over
France during the night
found an aerodrome with 20
bombers on the ground. In spite
of maximum fire, and pom-poms
firing red, white and blue
shells, they low-flew and
crossed in the sea.

On the night set one of the
bombers on fire on his first
attack, he then took his
down, then right back, hitting
the light. Then he shot at the
pom-pom crew, and saw some
of them fall.

He made further attacks on the
bombers, on a petro tank and on
His companion, a flight
lieutenant, made similar attacks,
and in one searching.

ROOSEVELT ACTS IN
BERLIN "SPY" CASE

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT has
taken action in the case of
Richard Holtet, American
agent arrested by the Gestapo for
espionage, and condemned with
his journalistic activities.

The President has asked the
State Department to instruct the
United States Embassy in Berlin
to investigate the detention of

Mr. Holtet, a twenty-year-old
New Yorker, on the staff of the
United Press, was arrested in
Berlin. B.U.P.

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must have in order to keep free from
colds and other infectious illnesses.
Children who are robust, well-built
and full of high spirits, and forge
ahead of other children when parents
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